THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra had asked for allotment of additional 90 minutes on Channel 1 for telecasting Marathi programmes exclusively from Monday to Friday.

(d) Doordarshan has offered 60 minutes before 9.30 A.M. on its Regional Language Satellite Service in Marathi for this purpose.

*[English]*

**CPWD Enquiry Offices**

383. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions have been issued by the Director-General (Works), CPWD, New Delhi, for making suitable arrangements for receiving complaints on Sunday and Holidays;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these have been implemented in CPWD Enquiry Offices particularly in CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G.VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CPWD has reported that complaints pertaining to essential services can be lodged by allottees at specified Service Centres, which are open on Holidays and Sundays.

(c) Yes, Sir. Allottees of Vasant Vihar Government colony can lodge their complaints at Sector VIII, R.K. Puram, Service Centre on Sundays and Holidays also.

(d) and (e) Not applicable in view of reply to (c) above.

**Renewal of Track**

384. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:
SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of tracks due for renewal in the Indian Railways at present; and

(b) the details thereof Zone-wise and the time fixed for their renewal ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) 10957 kms. (CTR Units).

(b) The position of track due for renewal zone-wise as on 1.4.97 is given below:

| Railway | Overdue renewal in kms. (CTR Units) |
|---|---|
| CR | 2092 |
| ER | 1215 |
| NR | 2671 |
| NER | 459 |
| NFR | 64 |
| SR | 583 |
| SCR | 842 |
| SER | 2144 |
| WR | 887 |
| Total | 10957 |

2740 CTR units are targetted to be completed during the year 1997-98. 3600 km. CTR units proposed to be sanctioned for the year 1998-99. The arrears of over due Track will be wiped out depending on the availability of funds for track Renewals.

**Introduction of Train**

385. SHRI SAT MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a commitment was made by the Railways to intruduce a train between Jammu and Haridwar *via* Pathankot;

(b) if so, the time by which the proposed train is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.